

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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1. (Currently amended) A sunroof structure, configured by assembling a sunroof apparatus, the sunroof apparatus comprising:

a pair of left and right frame portions provided on peripheral edges of a roof opening; and
a shade sliding rail ~~for~~ being downwardly concave and guiding a sunshade formed in each of the frame portions in a longitudinal direction, to a vehicle body, wherein:

the vehicle body and the sunroof apparatus are so configured ~~so~~ that the sunshade is freely inserted to and removed from the shade sliding rail during a state ~~in which~~ wherein the sunroof apparatus is incorporated into the vehicle body.

2. (Original) The sunroof structure according to claim 1, further comprising:

a roof member disposed longitudinally of the roof opening of the vehicle body and extending laterally placed above a space through which the sunshade passes when inserted thereto or removed therefrom.

3. (Original) The sunroof structure according to claim 1, further comprising:

a motor for driving a sunroof lid disposed above a moving locus of the sunshade.

4. (Original) The sunroof structure according to claim 3, wherein:

the motor is disposed above a forefront position or a rearmost position, to which the sunshade is guided by the shade sliding rail.

5. (Previously presented) The sunroof structure according to claim 3, further comprising:

a lid sliding rail formed on each of the frame portions, wherein:

12. (New) The sunroof structure according to claim 1, wherein the vehicle body comprises a rear rail disposed longitudinally from the roof opening of the vehicle body and extending laterally above a space through which the sunshade passes when inserted thereto or removed therefrom.

13. (New) The sunroof structure according to claim 12, wherein the rear rail is provided along an upper part of the vehicle body.

14. (New) The sunroof structure according to claim 12, further comprising a roof trim detachably fixed to a bottom portion of the rear rail and disposed below the shade sliding rail, wherein the roof trim is detached from the rear rail to allow the sunshade to be inserted and removed from the shade sliding rail.

15. (New) The sunroof structure according to claim 2, wherein the space through which the sunshade passes when inserted into or removed from the shade sliding rail extends obliquely downwardly from the shade sliding rail.

16. (New) The sunroof structure according to claim 3, further comprising:
a lid sliding rail being downwardly concave and formed on each of the frame portions;
wherein the motor is placed on an outward side in the longitudinal direction from an end
portion of the lid sliding rail.

17. (New) The sunroof structure according to claim 16, wherein a curvature in the longitudinal direction of the lid sliding rail is different from a curvature in the longitudinal direction of the shade sliding rail.

18. (New) The sunroof structure according to claim 16, wherein at least one end of each of the frame portions is positioned so that an end portion of the lid sliding rail is positioned on a central side in the longitudinal direction from an end portion of the shade sliding rail.

19. (New) The sunroof structure according to claim 3, wherein the motor is disposed above an end of the shade sliding rail.

20. (New) The sunroof structure according to claim 1, further comprising:

a lid sliding rail formed on each of the frame portions, the lid sliding rail being downwardly concave; wherein:

the roof opening is opened and closed by a first lid guided by a first portion of the lid sliding rail and a second lid guided by a second portion of the lid sliding rail;

wherein a curvature in the longitudinal direction of the first portion of the lid sliding rail is different from a curvature in the longitudinal direction of the second portion of the lid sliding rail.

21. (New) The sunroof structure according to claim 20, wherein the shade sliding rail has a nearly uniform curvature in the longitudinal direction.

22. (New) A sunroof structure, configured by assembling a sunroof apparatus, the sunroof apparatus comprising:

a pair of left and right frame portions provided on peripheral edges of a roof opening; and
a shade sliding rail for guiding a sunshade formed in each of the frame portions in a longitudinal direction, to a vehicle body, wherein:

the vehicle body and the sunroof apparatus are so configured that the sunshade is freely inserted to and removed from the shade sliding rail during a state wherein the sunroof apparatus is incorporated into the vehicle body, and

a rear rail of the vehicle body is disposed longitudinally from the roof opening of the vehicle body and extends laterally above a space through which the sunshade passes when inserted thereto or removed therefrom.

23. (New) The sunroof structure according to claim 22, wherein the rear rail is provided along an upper part of the vehicle body.

24. (New) The sunroof structure according to claim 22, further comprising a roof trim detachably fixed to a bottom portion of the rear rail and disposed below the shade sliding rail, wherein the roof trim is detached from the rear rail to allow the sunshade to be inserted and removed from the shade sliding rail.